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Sir:

In response to the office action mailed November 7, 2002, please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

23. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:  
providing an electronic allocation of an inventory allocation;  
receiving a request from an on-line transaction service for an additional  
inventory allocation; and  
providing an additional inventory allocation.

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